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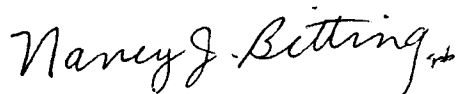
**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL OUTCOMES REPORTS**

Riverside Community Hospital appreciates the opportunity to comment on the OSHPD heart attack outcomes study.

Although some individuals at Riverside Community Hospital cite inconsistencies of a minor nature in the risk-adjustment model and patient characteristics used as risk variables, the consensus is these minority opinions do not warrant a request for change in methodology at this time.

We look forward to future outcome data in light of our recent development and implementation of clinical pathways at our institution concerning diagnosis and treatment of acute myocardial infarction.

Sincerely,



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